



## **YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES**

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May 17, 2004 – 7:00pm  
Hillview Community Center, Room A  
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

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### **Call to Order**

Vice-Chairperson Stanley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

### **Roll Call**

Present: Vice-Chairperson Stanley, Commissioners Bien, Demmer, DeMartini, Elchert, Lorell, Sachdeva, Wright, Wyse  
Absent: Commissioners Angelo, Zwarenstein

### **Special Items**

City Clerk Susan Kitchens swore in new commissioners.

Staff introduced the new Teen Program Coordinator Molly Jansson.

### **Public Comment**

The following students were in attendance for Civic Involvement:

Nick Stiege, Loucks Avenue, Los Altos  
Dhinesh Ganapathiappan, Portola Avenue, Los Altos  
Elena Mascaras, Sherlock Road, Los Altos  
Christina Fan, Avalon Drive, Los Altos  
Maria Iu, Miller Avenue, Los Altos  
Michelle Au, Robleda Road, Los Altos Hills  
Scott Dudley, Carmel Avenue, Los Altos  
Dina Bandman, Anna Avenue, Los Altos  
Jessica Cheung, Del Medio Avenue, Mountain View  
Kenneth Lee, Lynxwood Court, Los Altos

### **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ELCHERT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LORELL to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2004 regular meeting and the May 11, 2004 Special Meeting. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

## Discussion

1. **Welcome New Commissioners** – Introduced the four new Youth Commissioners, Elieke Demmer from Mountain View High School, Colin DeMartini from Blach School, Tanya Sachdeva from Homestead High School and Aaron Wyse from Los Altos High School.
2. **Election of Officers** – Commissioner Elchert nominated Ryan Stanley to be Chairperson. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ELCHERT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WRIGHT to elect Ryan Stanley as Chairperson. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE. Commissioner Bien nominated Greg Wright to be Vice-Chairperson. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LORELL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BIEN to elect Greg Wright as Vice-Chairperson. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.
3. **Skate Park** – Robin Katsaros, Atherton Court, Los Altos Hills – kids need a place for their own to hangout. Kids have no place to skate. The park was used and the skate park was a good, supervised area.

Gail Hartford, Maynard Court, Los Altos – kids would use a better year-round skate park.

Ed Hartford, Maynard Court, Los Altos – other cities have things that Los Altos does not and that it keeps kids active.

Erica Strand, Dixon Way, Los Altos – a permanent skate park would be excellent but that skaters should be consulted on equipment and layout.

Jamie Hennessee-Bresett, Lincoln Avenue, Los Altos – it's aburden to travel to far to toher skate parks. Ours would keep kids off the street.

Mark Simons, Angela Drive – friends have used the skate park for the last couple years. There would be more vandalism without the park.

Steve Strand, Dixon Way, Los Altos – would like a cement skate park.

Peggy Hennessee, Lincoln Way, Los Altos – Location is perfect, right near the police department and downtown. Also likes that it is well supervised.

Nick Testa, Latham Street, Mountain View – It's a good place for kids to hangout with friends and get exercise while being supervised.

Jon MacDonald, Francine Avenue, Los Altos Hills – Skated there almost everyday last year. Skaters should help with the design.

Brian Lam, Robleda Road, Los Altos Hills – It would keep kids out of alleys.

John Hartford, Maynard Court, Los Altos – Would like a park like that at Rengstorff made out of metal.

Chairperson Stanley agrees that whatever is built, skaters should be consulted. Commissioners need to devise a tentative plan to take to the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission.

MOTION BY VICE-CHAIRPERSON WRIGHT, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LORELL to direct staff to distribute and collect polls from Blach and Egan Schools for the June 7, 2004 meeting. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE. Chairperson Stanley will contact American Ramp Company to get information for the next meeting. The next meeting should again be publicized. Commissioner Elchert will contact the Town Crier to get publicity for the next meeting. The meeting will be publicized at Homestead High School by Commissioner Sachdeva and at Mountain View High School by Commissioner Demmer. Commissioner DeMartini will collect the polls from Blach School.

4. **Community Picnic Special Event** – Recreation Supervisor Donna Legge reminded the commissioners about the event. Commissioners would still like to do the “dunk ball” basketball event. Staff will find prices for portable hoops and for dunk tanks.
5. **Youth Center – Vice-Chairperson Wright** – Just gave an overview of what the commission is working on. Will have more information at next meeting.
6. **2004-2005 Event Schedule** – Discussion about various ideas for the upcoming school year. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BIEN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LORELL to hold the following events for 2004-05 school year: “The Project” High School Dance, Band Night, Dunk Ball at Community Picnic, Battle of the Bands, Poker Tournament. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE. MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LORELL, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ELCHERT to hold a concert in the Plaza with LAVA on June 4, 2004. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY SHOW OF HANDS. Vice-Chairperson Wright will be in contact with LAVA.
7. **City Council Meeting Attendance** – Commissioners will be assigned Council Meetings and have them emailed. Whenever an item of interest to Youth Commission is on the agenda, commissioners will attend.

## **Adjournment**

Chairperson Wright adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.